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INTRODUCTION.

TO promote the good of community by the encouragement of industry and ingenuity;—to excite a spirit of enquiry which may lead to improvements not yet known;—and to bring speculation and theory to the test of accurate experiment, are the grand ends intended by the present laudable and honourable institution.

A desire to introduce into the western countries those obvious advantages which the public have reaped in the several parts of this kingdom, where societies of a similar kind have been formed, first excited the idea of the present establishment; in support of which the spirit of *true patriotism* has distinguished itself with unexampled ardor.

Not only a great number of gentlemen of rank, fortune, and ingenuity, in these counties, but many in London, and other remote parts of the kingdom, have generously contributed to the support of an institution in which the subscribers can have no private interest, but which is evidently calculated to promote general and national good.

From the spirit and alacrity with which this society has hitherto been supported, we have the strongest encouragement to hope that numbers will follow the honourable example of those who have already patronized it: And therefore all such are respectfully requested speedily to favour the secretary with their names, that they may appear in the list of members, which will be prefixed to the premium books, and published in January next ensuing.

The principal object of this society's attention will be,

To excite by premiums a spirit of emulation and improvement in such parts of husbandry as seem most to require it:

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To endeavour to increase the annual produce of corn, by bringing into cultivation, in the least expensive and most effectual manner, such lands as are at present barren or badly cultivated, particularly by draining and manuring; and by the introduction of various sorts of vegetable food for cattle:

To promote the knowledge of agriculture by encouraging and directing regular experiments on those subjects which are of the most importance to it, by distributing rewards to such persons as shall raise the largest and best crops both of natural and artificial grasses, and the several species of grain, on any given quantity of ground:

To encourage planting on waste lands, raising of quick-hedges, cultivating turnips, Scotch cabbages, &c. &c.

To promote all improvements in the various implements belonging to the farmer, and introduce such *new* ones as the experience of other counties has proved more valuable than those generally in use;

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This society's attention will also be directed to all improvements of the machines used in our different manufactories, as well as the manufactures themselves; and to encourage ingenuity, diligence, and honesty, in servants and labourers:

And, to sum up the whole, every thing that is conducive to the prosperity of the counties of Somerset, Wilts, Gloucester, and Dorset, and the good of the community at large, will be diligently attended to by this society.

N. B. The society's meetings will in future be held the second Tuesday in every month: And all letters relative to the various objects of its attention, directed to the secretary, will receive due notice and attention.

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RULES and ORDERS.

I.

THAT a Monthly Meeting, consisting of not less than Nine Members, shall be held on the second Tuesday in every Month, for transacting the usual Business of the Society; but that no *New Laws* shall be made, nor the following ones altered, but at a General Meeting, to be held Annually on the second Tuesday in December; which Meeting shall not consist of less than Twenty Members.

II.

THAT the President, or, in his Absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at, and regulate the Debates of all future Meetings; and that the Vice-Presidents shall take the Chair by Rotation,

III.

THAT after the Expiration of the Year 1777,
all Committees shall be annually chosen at the

General Meeting in December ; and the said Committees shall be empowered to adjourn from Time to Time, as they may see Occasion : And that on any Vacancy, or Vacancies, (by Death, Removal, or Resignation) being declared to the Secretary, he shall make Report thereof to the next Monthly Meeting, which shall fill up such Vacancy, or Vacancies, by appointing a new Member, or Members, to that Office.

IV.

THAT each Committee, when met, shall chuse a Chairman, skilled in the particular Business to which it is appointed ; and when sitting, to enter Minutes of their Proceedings in a Book for that Purpose. That all Reports to the Society be made in Writing, and signed by the Chairman ; and that the Secretary shall enter those Reports in the Society's Journal.

V.

THAT an Annual Subscription of any Sum, not less than One Guinea, shall entitle a Person to be a Member ; And that the Names of all Persons who give Benefactions, not less than Half-a-Guinea, shall be published with the List of Members. That a Benefaction, not less than Twelve Guineas, shall entitle any Person to be a Member for Life.

VI. THAT,

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THAT, for the future, any Person desirous of becoming a Member shall give or send to the Secretary his Name, Place of Abode, and the Sum he intends to subscribe: His Name shall then be entered on the List of Members, and his Subscription shall bear Date from the preceding Quarter-Day, and become due again that Day Twelvemonth.

VII.
THAT a List of such Premiums as the Society may think fit to offer shall be printed and published on or before the first of January in every year, which Premiums shall be classed under the several Heads proposed to be encouraged by this Institution.

VIII.
THAT no Premium shall be offered until it has been first proposed to and approved by a Committee, and agreed to by the Annual Meeting: And no Premium or Bounty shall be given to any Candidate, unless the Society, at the Annual Meeting, shall be satisfied that such Candidate deserves it.

IX.
No Member of the Society, who is a Candidate for any Premium or Bounty, shall sit in any Committee

mittee to which such Matters may be referred, or be present while the Subject is under Consideration; nor shall such Candidate be present in the Meetings of the Society when the Matter is before them, whether in Debate, or for Determination, unless when called in to answer such Questions as may be put to him.

X.

THAT all Claims for Premiums or Bounties shall be made at least two Months before the Annual Meeting in December: And that such Claims must be given in to the Secretary in Writing, and by him presented to the next Meeting of the Committee to which they relate.

XI.

IN order that all Rewards may be distributed with the utmost Impartiality and Justice, the Society shall, when they think it necessary, desire the Assistance of such Gentlemen, Manufacturers, Artists, or others, (though not Members) as shall be deemed best able to judge of and discover the Value of any Invention or Improvement for which a Premium is claimed.

XII.

THAT Premiums shall be both honorary and pecuniary; but that no Premium or Bounty shall be given

given by this Society to any Person who shall have obtained a Premium or Bounty for the same Invention or Improvement from any other Society.

XIII.

THAT as the principal Design of this Institution is, by exciting a Spirit of Industry and Ingenuity, to promote the Public Good, the Premiums first offered shall be more immediately directed to Improvements in Agriculture, Planting, and such Manufactures as are best adapted to these Counties.

XIV.

THAT until a sufficient Fund be raised for offering pecuniary Premiums, the Society shall give *Honorary Rewards* for such Specimens of Ingenuity as they may be favoured with; and that, for this Purpose, Silver Medals be struck, expressive of the Nature and Design of this Institution.

XV.

THAT some Premiums be offered for the Encouragement of Industry and good Behaviour among Servants in Husbandry, and Labourers; and that the Profits of the Society be applied to the

XVI.

THAT the Premiums offered in any one Year shall not exceed two-thirds of the Fund in Hand, at the Time the said Premiums are offered by the Society.

XVII.

THAT at the Annual Meeting, to be held on the Second Tuesday in December next, the Society's Cash shall be accounted for by the Secretary, and deposited as the Meeting shall then determine.

XVIII.

THAT in order to encourage the Study, as well as the Practice of Agriculture, &c. &c. Honorary Premiums shall be offered for the best-written and most useful original Essay on any of the Subjects to which the Views of this Society may be extended, that may be sent to their Monthly Meetings; the Society to give out the Subjects in their annual List of Premiums: And that such Essays as shall be approved of at the Annual Meeting be printed and published at the Expence of the Society. Every Member to have one Copy, and the Rest of the Impression to be sold, and the Profits applied to the Society's Use; unless the Author shall think proper

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to print the same at his own Expence ; in which Case he shall send the Secretary as many Copies as there are Members, to be distributed amongst them.

XIX.

THAT the Authors of such Essays shall send them sealed to the Secretary, without a Name, but with some Mark, corresponding with another Mark on the Outside of an inclosed sealed up Paper, in which their Names are written: That such of the Essays as are rejected shall be left in the Secretary's Hand, together with the corresponding Papers not opened, and if they are not called for, shall be destroyed at the succeeding Annual Meeting.

XX.

A Candidate for a Premium, or a Person applying for a Bounty, being detected in any Attempt to impose on the Society, shall not only forfeit such Premium, or Bounty, but be declared incapable of obtaining any for the future.

XXI.

THAT the Secretary shall procure all such Books and Stationary Ware as are needful for the Society's Use,

Use, and keep fair Accounts of all Monies received and disbursed by him: The said Accounts to be settled and balanced at each Monthly Meeting in the Society's Cash-book, where a Committee of Accounts shall be appointed to audit them. He shall also perform the necessary Business of his Office with Diligence and Integrity, *viz.* Attend all Meetings and Committees of the Society;—make all Minutes and Resolutions, and enter them fairly in the Journal or Committee Books;—read all Letters and other Papers sent to the Society, and prepare such Answers thereto as the Society shall direct, and record regularly in the Book of Correspondence such as are worthy of Preservation;—sign all Publications, Notices, and Receipts, and prepare an Abstract or Annual Register of the Transactions of the Society, with particular Accounts of the Improvements made in the various Articles to which its Views are extended, together with such Informations received as appear to be the most useful and important, and the Resolutions of the Society thereon;—attend to the Printing of whatever the Society may direct to be printed, and correct the Press. He shall also collect Subscriptions, and visit Manufactories, or apply for particular Information respecting them when required by the Society so to do; and as much as possible make himself acquainted with the various Arts, &c. &c.

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to which the Views of this Society shall be directed :
He shall also regularly enter the Minutes, Proceedings, and Resolutions of each Meeting, for the Inspection of the next, and that, in Consideration of his Trouble, and the close Attention he must give to this Business, he shall be allowed an annual Salary.

XXII.

THAT on any Emergency the Secretary, with the Concurrence of five Members, signified in Writing, and signed with their Names, may call an Extra General Meeting, by Advertisement in the public Papers of the respective Counties.

XXIII.

ALL Letters relative to the Business of the Society, being laid by the Secretary before the Committee of Correspondence, that Committee shall be at Liberty from Time to Time to refer such Letters as they think proper to the other respective Committees, without waiting to report them to a Meeting of the Society ; *unless*, such Letters relate to the granting any new Premium or Bounty.

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ALL the Books, Papers, and Correspondence of the Society shall remain under the Care of the Secretary, to be inspected by the Members at any reasonable Time.

XXV.

ALL Models of Machines and Implements which obtain Premiums or Bounties shall be the Property of the Society, and be kept for the Inspection of Farmers and Manufacturers.

XXVI.

IN Case any Person shall be inclinable to leave a Sum of Money to this Society, by Will, the following Form is offered for that Purpose :

Item, I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. the Sum of Pounds, upon Condition, and to the Intent that they pay the same to the Treasurer, or Secretary, for the Time being, of a Society instituted at Bath 1777, who call themselves " The " Society for the Encouragement of Agriculture, " Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce ;" which said Sum

Sum of Pounds I will and desire may be
 paid out of my personal Estate, and applied towards
 carrying on the laudable Designs of the said
 Society.

XXVII.

*Form of a Letter to Gentlemen whose Subscriptions are in
 Arrears.*

S I R,

I am directed to inform you, that your annual
 Subscription of has been in Arrear since
 the Day of : And as it is of Con-
 sequence for the Society to know what Sums of
 Money they can bestow in Premiums, you are re-
 spectfully requested to order the Payment of it to
 the Secretary.

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paid out of my personal funds and applied
carrying on the laudable objects of
Society.

XXVII.

Form of a Letter to Gentlemen who subscribe
the Society.

S. I. R.

I am directed to inform you that your annual
Subscription of _____ has been in Arrear since
the _____ Day of _____ : And as it is of Con-
sequence for the Society to know what Sum of
Money they can borrow in Premiums, you are re-
spectfully requested to order the Payment of it to
the Secretary.

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Order of Proceedings at the Meetings.

THE Books of Rules and Orders, of Minutes and Correspondence, shall be laid on the Table, before the President or Vice-President; the Secretary sitting at his Right Hand.

II.

NONE but Members to be admitted to the Meetings of the Society, without Leave first obtained of said Meetings.

III.

WHEN any Member speaks, he shall address himself to the Chair; and if two Members speak together, the presiding Member shall call them to Order, and decide which of them shall speak first.

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No Member shall, at any Meeting of the Society, speak more than twice on the same Subject, without Permission of the President or Vice-president.

V.

When any Matter is in Debate, if a Member shall speak to New Business, the presiding Member shall call him to Order.

VI.

No Debate shall be entered into, or Question put, on any Motion, unless that Motion be seconded.

VII.

No Motion that has been rejected shall be made again in the same Meeting.

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IX.

That in Meetings of Committees the same Order be observed as in the third Article of the Order of Proceedings in Meetings of the Society.

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At all future Meetings of the Society, Business shall be transacted in the following Order :

1. The Meeting to be constituted by entering the Names of the Members present.
2. Minutes of the preceding Meeting to be read, and Reports of Committees to be received.
3. Accounts of the preceding Month, when audited and balanced, to be signed by the Chairman.
4. Correspondence to be read and referred to the respective Committees.
5. New Matter to be offered on the several Subjects in Succession.

By Order of the Society,

EDMUND RACK, Secretary.
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And it is the duty of the Secretary to
keep a record of the following matters:
1. The date of the receipt of the
report of the committee.
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